

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ROANOKE DIVISION**

<b>ALLEN R. LAMONT,</b>	)	
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	)	<b>Civil Action No. 7:15cv00620</b>
	)	
<b>v.</b>	)	<b>MEMORANDUM OPINION</b>
	)	
<b>LESLIE J. FLEMING, et al.,</b>	)	<b>By: Norman K. Moon</b>
<b>Defendants.</b>	)	<b>United States District Judge</b>

Allen R. Lamont, a Virginia inmate proceeding *pro se*, filed a civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Although the complaint is largely unintelligible, as best as I can discern, he is claiming that the defendants denied him access to the grievance process. To state a cause of action under 28 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege facts indicating that he has been deprived of rights guaranteed by the Constitution or laws of the United States and that this deprivation resulted from conduct committed by a person acting under color of state law. *West v. Atkins*, 487 U.S. 42 (1988). However, an inmate has no constitutional or other federal legal right to participate in grievance proceedings. *Adams v. Rice*, 40 F.3d 72, 75 (4th Cir. 1994). Accordingly, Lamont's allegations fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted and, therefore, I will dismiss this action without prejudice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1).

**ENTER:** This 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
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NORMAN K. MOON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE